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# THE ROAD TO

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# 1 OUT OF 3!

In Pennsylvania, SPEED is the major factor in one out of three accidents and a contributory factor in many others.

At 60 mph a car can do 9 times as much damage as at 20 mph.

*Speed*

MAKES

THE DIFFERENCE

The **FASTER** you drive, the easier it is for **DEATH** to catch you.

At 20 mph it normally takes 44 feet to come to a full stop—after you have seen danger.

At 60 mph it takes 264 feet.... 6 times the distance.

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# What Is A SAFE Speed?

THERE CAN BE NO DEFINITE ANSWER. IT IS DRIVING AT A SPEED WHICH PERMITS YOU TO KEEP YOUR CAR UNDER CONTROL IN EVEN THE MOST UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS DRIVING WITH DUE REGARD TO THE CONDITION OF THE HIGHWAY, WEATHER, TRAFFIC VOLUME AND MANY OTHER VARIABLE FACTORS . . .

# Take Time To Be SAFE

# What Is An UNSAFE Speed?

IT IS A RATE OF SPEED WHICH CAN CAUSE YOU, EVEN MOMENTARILY, TO LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR CAR. THAT POINT IS DETERMINED BY THE **WEAKEST LINK** IN THE **DRIVING CHAIN**. THESE LINKS ARE . . .

1. THE ROAD . . .

   ROAD SURFACE, LANES, INTERSECTIONS, CURVES, HILLS, ETC.

2. THE VEHICLE . . .

   BRAKES, TIRES, WHEEL ALIGNMENT, ETC.

3. THE WEATHER . . .

   FOG, RAIN, MIST, HAIL, SNOW, ETC.

4. THE TRAFFIC . . .

   HOLIDAY CROWD, BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, ETC.

5. THE DRIVER . . .

   MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION, KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, ETC.

# Don't Pass-up Your Chance To Live Longer!

YOU REQUIRE 440 FEET (20 Car Lengths) TO PASS A CAR GOING 30 MPH . . 732 FEET (45 Car Lengths) TO PASS A CAR GOING 50 MPH.

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Sometimes the difference between life and DEATH....

# *Speed Kills!*

*Statistics show: If involved in an accident, your chances of living are 7 times as good at 20 mph as they are at 60 mph.*

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**A country pedestrian hit by an auto is three times as likely to die as his city cousin.... the high SPEED at which autos travel in the country makes the big difference.**

# *Speed* IS EXPENSIVE . . .

IN 1952, 35,000 PENNSYLVANIANS WERE INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS WHILE DRIVING TOO FAST FOR EXISTING CONDITIONS. ANOTHER 20,000 WERE ARRESTED FOR ACTUALLY VIOLATING THE 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT. 55,000 PENNSYLVANIANS HAD TO LEARN THE HARD WAY, THAT **SPEED** IS EXPENSIVE.

In some cases, the cost is

**FATAL . . . . .**

**your LIFE . . .**